

# Drug Utilization Review Board

## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**

**7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**

**Cannon Health Building**

**Room 125**

**Board Members Present:**

Kumar Shah, M.Sc., P.Eng., Board Chair  
Jennifer Brinton, M.D.  
Neal Catalano, Pharm.D.  
Aesha Drozdowski, Pharm.D.  
Sharon Weinstein, M.D.

Kim Michelson, D.D.S.  
Kyle Kitchen, Pharm.D.  
Susan Siegfried, M.D.  
Katherine Smith, Pharm.D.

**Board Members Excused:**

Eric Cannon, Pharm.D., FAMCP

**Dept. of Health/Div. of Health Care Financing Staff Present:**

Jennifer Strohecker, Pharm.D., BCPS,  
Pharmacy Director  
Joe Busby, RPh, MBA

Bryan Larson, Pharm.D.  
Merelynn Berrett, R.N., PA  
Heather Santacruz, R.N., PA

**University of Utah Drug Regimen Review Center Staff Presenter:**

Joanita Lake, B.Pharm, MSc EBHC (Oxon)

**Other Individuals Present:**

Mohit Bhakta, Select Health  
Cody Ball, Select Health

Andrew Gudac, Select Health

**Meeting conducted by:** Kumar Shaw

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1. **Welcome & Housekeeping:** Kumar Shah opened the meeting, reminded everyone to sign the rosters, and introduced a new board member, Kyle Kitchen.
2. **Review and Approval of Choose an item Minutes:** Kim Michelson made a motion to Approve the minutes from October. Aesha Drozdowski seconded the motion. All in favor, with Neal Catalano and Susan Siegfried abstaining, motion passed.
3. **Macrolide Antibiotics:** Joanita Lake presented peer-reviewed research, CDC data, and Utah Medicaid data regarding the appropriateness of use of macrolide antibiotics in Utah Medicaid patients.
  - a. **No public comment**
  - b. **Board Discussion**
    1. The board discussed strategies for addressing inappropriate prescribing of macrolide antibiotics.
  - c. **Board Action**

Utah Medicaid and the DRRC use available tools and resources to create an “appropriate use of antibiotics” educational awareness campaign to promote to providers and at risk patients initially for this year and then reassess in about a year to see if this effort improves the use of these antibiotics. This campaign should be collaborative with all community partners to create educational resources to raise awareness.

1.Motion: Neal Catalano. Second: Aesha Drozdowski. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Meeting Adjourned:** Aesha Drozdowski motioned to close the meeting. Neal Catalano seconded the motion. Unanimous Approval, meeting adjourned.

4. **The next meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2018** New Migraine Medications.

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